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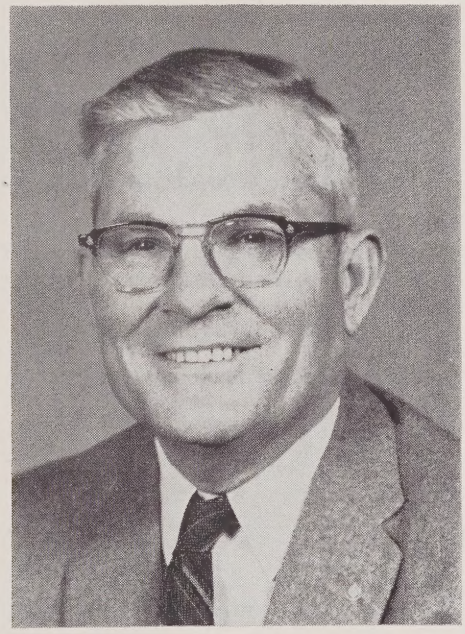

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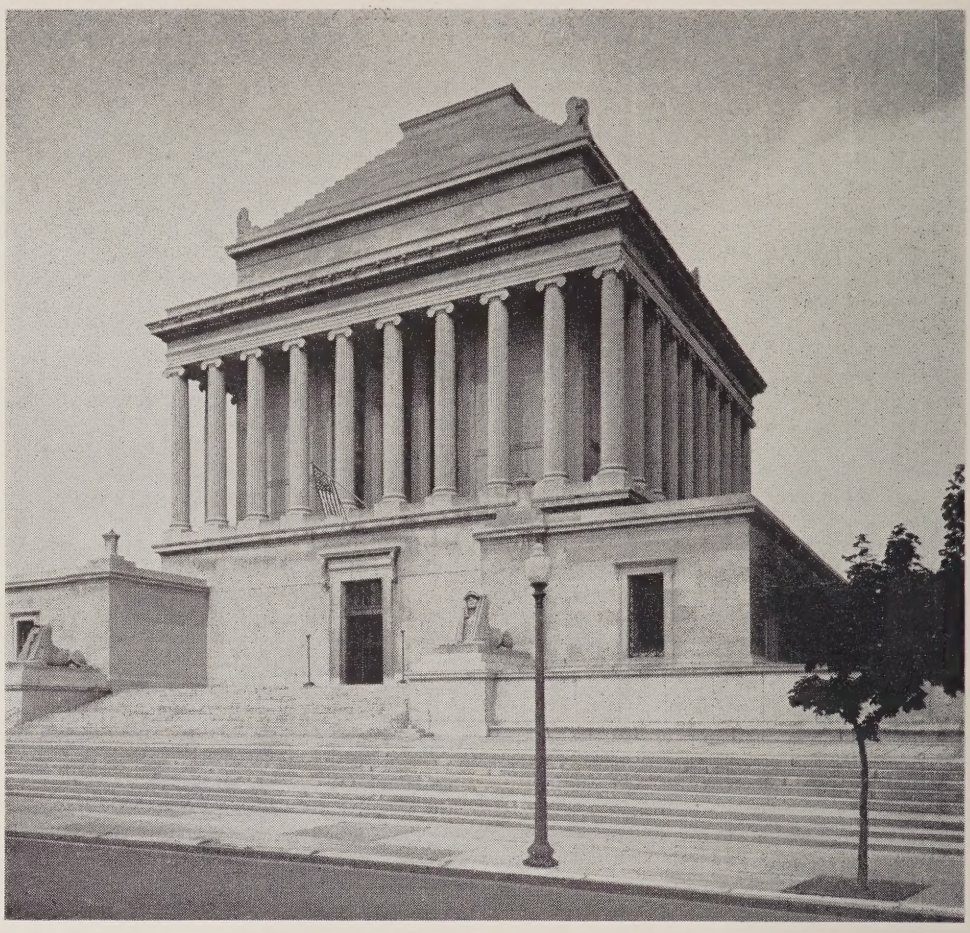

The House of the Temple of The Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America erected to God and dedicated to the Service of Humanity—Salve Frater.

(The past few issues of the BAGPIPE have contained pictures of the interior of the House of the Temple of the Supreme Council, Washington, D. C.,—and this issue concludes the tour of the Temple.)

Guides will conduct visitors through The House of the Temple and explain its adornments and their significance. THE HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE is open each week day from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday; 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, and closed on Sunday and holidays.

Resume

The Temple is entirely of stone, granite up to the level of the main floor and limestone above, including the main roof. The scale of the structure is not fairly shown by the pictures which also fail to give a complete idea of its beauty and excellence.

The conception of the Temple was due to the vision of Hon. James D. Richardson, Grand Commander, 1901-1914.

Most of the inscriptions were selected by Hon. George F. Moore, Grand Commander, 1914-1921.

The architectural design is to be credited to John Russell Pope, Architect, of New York, who was in 1917 awarded the Gold Medal of Honor of the Architectural League of New York as the designer of the finest building erected in the five-year period for which the medal is given.

Some suggestions which added to its impressiveness and beauty came from Elliott Woods, Consulting Architect, who was for many years, Architect of the U. S. Capitol.

It is said, "The monumental grandeur of old Egypt, the Majestic beauty of Baalbek, Greece and Rome are embodied in this majestic structure."

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Lawns

There are lawns on the north and south sides and the rear of the building. That on the rear contains various trees and shrubbery, a parking lot for autos of employees, and in those on the sides are acacia trees. Years ago General Pike planted two acacia trees, one on either side of the entrance to the old House of the Temple. One of these died and Grand

SECRETARY'S PAGE

C. A. SEIFERT. 33°

At our regular January meeting of the New Bern Consistory on the night of January 11th, the members present saw fit to elect me as your Secretary for another year whether right or wrong, and as such I am asking for your continued help this year; help which you have given me so generously in the past. With your continued support I believe we can carry on as well or even better than we have in previous years. Our membership has increased each year since 1929 without exception and I believe we are the only Consistory with this record in the jurisdiction of our Supreme Council in Washington, D. C. Let's keep this going and with our larger membership over previous years we really should find it easier to build up larger classes.

In our jurisdiction, I believe there are many more Masons who would be interested in taking the Scottish Rite degrees if an invitation to join would be extended them. I personally have met numbers of Masons who claim they were never asked. Remember the words of wisdom in the Bible, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." We can't improve on that so let's practice it. I believe your Blue Lodge Secretary will be glad to give you a roster of the members in your lodge and you will no doubt find a number who could be persuaded to become members of our great organization. Also, remember whenever you are in the company of a group of men who are not Masons, grasp the opportunity to speak highly of our order. Create in them a desire to seek membership and after they become Masons, solicit them for membership in the Scottish Rite.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Secretary

Bagpipe Skirls

Here's a story to start on while the bag and I get the rest of the program together.

A Chinese scholar was lecturing at an American University. Suddenly the lights in the auditorium went out. Unperturbed, the scholar asked all members of the audience to raise their hands. They did, and the lights immediately came on again. "Proves wisdom of old Chinese saying," he remarked. "Many hands make light work."

A man testifying in court told several obvious untruths. Finally the judge intervened and asked, "Do you know what will happen if you continue to tell lies like that in court?"

The man replied, "I suppose I'll go to hell when I die."

"Yes, of course," agreed the judge, "but what else will happen to you?"

The man thought for a moment and then asked, "Isn't that enough?"

An increasing number of women are taking up the study of law. The usual number are continuing to lay it down.

A major fault with being on time is that everybody thinks you never have anything to do.

LATE BULLETIN!!!!

Brother Robert L. Pugh, P.G.M., 33°, Ass't Secretary of New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies, was appointed Outer Guard of Sudan Temple by P.G.M. Harvey Smith, 33°, newly elected Potentate, at their Ceremonial on January 28, 1965. Details later issue.

Science finds that we're taller in the morning than we are in the evening. But, science doesn't have to tell most of us that we're shorter around the end of the month.

"Your husband must have absolute rest and quiet. Here are some sleeping tablets," said the doctor.

"When should I give them to him?" asked the patient's wife.

"Yon don't. They're for you," replied the doctor.

The do-it-yourself movement will never be as popular as the old custom of letting someone else do it.

YOUR GARDEN

Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind words are the roots,
Kind thoughts are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits.
Take care of your garden
And keep out the weeds;
Fill it with sunshine,
Kind words, and good deeds.

A lodge member approached Henry. "We are having a raffle for a poor widow," he said. "Will you buy a ticket?"

"Don't think so," said Henry. My wife wouldn't let me keep her if I won."

Nature does its best to teach us. The more we overeat the harder she makes it for us to get close to the table.

Explanation given by a pupil for not joining in discussion: "I think I'll learn more by listening. Anything I would say, I already know."

Now, Brethren, a little thought for us to go on. "We should never forget that people judge us by our actions, not our intentions."

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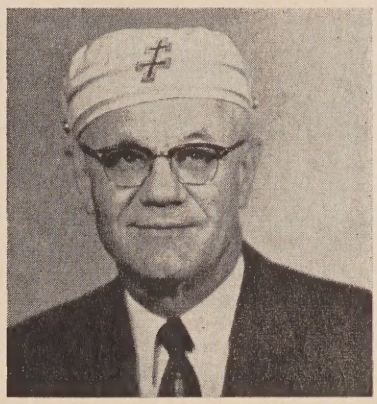

From The Classroom

BY R. L. PUGH, 33°, CLASS LECTURER

By C. C. MARSHALL, *"The Ohio Mason"*

At the close of the year, in the business world it is the custom to take an inventory to show gain or loss and learn the cause. If this is good for business, why shouldn't it apply to our Masonic Fraternity—have we gained or lost?

A mere gain in numbers does not mean progress, but rather how well are the new members informed, how well they apply their newly-gained knowledge, how well they appreciate the privileges they have gained and will they become workers or merely names in the book.

Again, in certain localities, new Lodges have been instituted or a migration of eligible prospects into a neighborhood that caused an increase in applications and they were pushed through much as a production line in certain factories. Masonry is not improved by merely adding members. Its gain is determined by how the new members apply the lessons taught them.

Another thought: Has our membership increased in the same proportion as our population, and why does it not increase in greater proportion?

Of course no form of solicitation is permitted, but all who have been taken and accepted should so live that they would be living examples of our teachings so that others would know them to be Brothers. That Great Light, our Rule and Guide tells us "By their acts ye shall know them."

When the names are revealed of the many truly great men who have done so much good for the world and who were Masons, they would surely excite the admiration and curiosity of others to follow them, and why don't our members familiarize themselves with such names that they may inform others?

As to our status, our gains or loss, let each Masonic Brother begin with himself by comparing his actions with others.

So Brother, just retire to yourself and give careful thought to your actions. How often do you attend the meetings of your Lodge? Are you sufficiently informed as to be able to attend other Lodges? How many times have you participated in the conferring of the degrees upon other members? Have you given thought to the other Brothers who gave them to you? They gave their time and knowledge to teach you.

Don't you feel it your duty to do the same for others? Are you capable of filling one or more of the several stations?

As you observe those faithful workers who do all the work, did you ever ask yourself, why do they do it, and why cannot you? Don't you appreciate the time and efforts of those who taught you and have a desire to do as they did?

There are no short cuts and we all are privileged to enjoy the benefits of our Order because of the good Brothers who gave of their time and talents to teach us. And did we not all promise to improve ourselves in Masonry and how can that be done by merely carrying a card and wearing an emblem?

Whenever we one and all unite on the basis of equality with everyone informing himself and practicing the lessons he is taught, there is nothing that can slow down or stop our growth.

We must realize that in the most progressive nations of the world. Masonry is very active because it teaches the right way to live with love and respect for others ,while in those backward nations where man's life is worth very little, it is prohibited.

From this it could easily be believed that the teachings of equality as in our Lodge would restore peace and content-

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ment among the people.

This thought of equality should prevail among all our members and each and everyone be equally informed on its teachings, each one should live a life so outstanding that to all around he would be known as a Mason.

That would be our best advertisement.

Bro. Joseph Fort Newton, one of the best recognized authorities on Masonry once said. "Masonry, as now organized and employed, is not adequate to the demands of a realistic generation: And to go on making men Masons, as we are now doing by wholesale, without giving them an intelligent and authentic knowledge of what Masonry is or what it means, is for Masonry to lose, by ignorance or neglect, what has been distinctive in its history and genius, and invite degeneration, if not disaster."

To overcome such disaster, Masonic study clubs have been organized in many parts of our country, one such being the Long Beach Masonic Club which began about eight years ago in Long Beach, Calif. Recently such movement has spread to many other parts of the country and here in Ohio our Grand Lodge has instituted an educational program but with the usual small attendance at the meetings, little progress can be made.

Real progress can only be made when we each and every one fit ourselves to one common level and inform ourselves that Masonry is not just a mere Lodge where men get away from home to spend an evening in frivolous pastime.

We must always remember there is no high or low among Masons.

The one outstanding leader in Masonic education has been the Grand Lodge of Iowa which has the most complete Masonic library in the United States. Other jurisdictions such as New York, Virginia, Texas, Indiana and Nebraska also have set up offices for Masonic education.

So with these recent innovations it behooves us all to recognize our own responsibility and improve ourselves and the success or failure of our Order does not rest upon any one man but rather on each of the more than four million in our land.

Through his travels in the different degrees the ideas are conveyed to the candidate in several ways, some in our own language, others in the words of long ago and others by symbols for his own interpretation but the knowledge he must necessarily acquire must be taught by some Brother who has studied and learned in all the Masonic code that delegates that part to certain persons but all real Masons should be able to do it equally well.

The new Brother must be helped by the wisdom of the Brother who is delegated to provide suitable assistance in committing to memory that necessary portion of the work. If not properly taught or coached the candidate will not realize the plain meaning which is intended, even though he is able to repeat the words. He should be caused to think deeply about the projects, to converse with well informed Brethren about them and to draw logical conclusions as to their plain meanings.

The aim is to improve the candidate from within so that he will think morally.

Thinking constructively is one responsibility which no one can delegate to another. It is an individual duty. A Mason must honestly seek to acquire the light and knowledge that will cause him to live a life beyond reproach.

It has been the purpose of the articles under the above heading that others may become so interested as to search the many sources of information for there is a great quantity available in the several libraries here, in Masonic publications from many parts of the country. So many events of world-wide acclaim have had a basis upon Masonry and many famous men were Brothers and when we realize that our nation's founders were almost all Brothers, there should be plenty to interest all.

To be able to converse with others and quote such facts should convince them that they too would like to learn more about Masonry.

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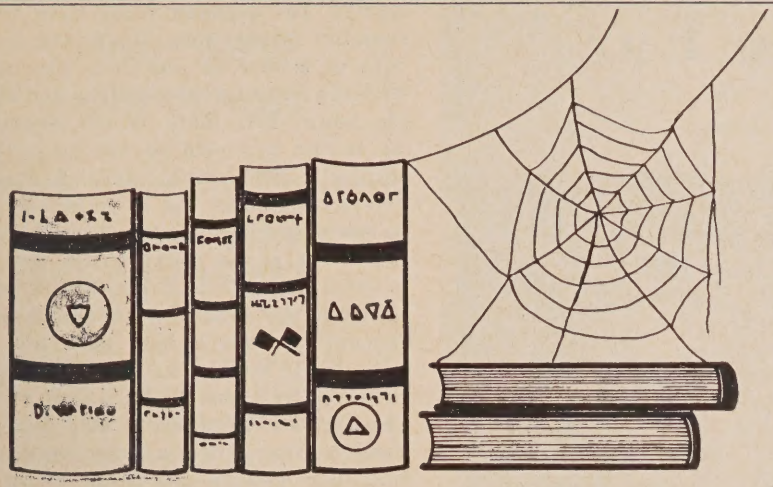

TEMPLE TOMES

In the fourth degree of Scottish Rite Masonry there is the "Purge me with hyssop . . . ." Hyssop, is first mentioned at the time of the sacrifice of the passover lamb in the book of Exodus (12;21, 28): "And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; . . . ." This may be a sign or symbol of the sacrifice on the cross; Maybe we'll see later.

We are most familiar with the hyssop of which King David sings in the fifty first Psalm as he approaches the altar of God—"Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow."

Whenever the Priests of ancient Israel had to sprinkle the blood of the sacrifice in the midst of the ritual of cleansing, he used what we would call a brush. It was hand-made, and consisted of three parts. The handle was a piece of cedar wood. The brush portion was a wisp of the hyssop which was tied to the handle by a piece of scarlet cord. The cedar was the highest tree and the hyssop was the lowest shrub. It was as though the heavenly nature of our Lord (Yeshua) and his earthly nature were combined into one, and the scarlet cord showed forth the red symbol of sacrifice. The cedar wood had a fragrant odor, reminding us of the ancient sacrifice being "to God a sweet-smelling saviour."

The hyssop is a plant that grows in the crevices of stone walls in Palestine. We see it in the pictures of the Wailing Wall of Jerusalem, growing over the heads of those who stand at the foot of the wall in bitter lamentation. We have seen a form of the hyssop, known as "maidenhair fern" growing in the wall crevices of the old Spanish fort in St. Augustine, Florida. The hyssop is remarkable in the fact that its root is not over a quarter of an inch in length, while the plant sometimes grows to be fifteen or twenty feet long. It is a great illustration of all that might grow out of the clinging property of a tiny faith that is firmly fastened to the Rock of the diety of our Master.

Thus, when the priests had taken a wisp of the hyssop plant and tied it to the cedar by the scarlet cord they had a practical little brush which they dipped into the blood on some occasions, or into water on other occasions, for the ceremonial cleansings required by the law of God.

In the psalm of repentance, David (Beloved) sings, "Purge me with hyssop." This is a poetical way of saying "Cleanse me by thy blood." When we have understood this we may know that when David says that the Lord rewarded him and recompensed him according to His Righteousness, he is setting forth his faith in a righteousness that is not his own, but that was given to him on the basis of the sacrifice. And David closes the psalm of repentance with the phrase, "Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering."

> *"Righteousness" is one of our thread-bare words. Simplified it means right-ness. We are told that as an attribute of God "righteousness" signifies holiness (whole-ness), justice and rightness. When applied to man, it denotes the possession of Christian virtues, Faith, Hope, and Love, and a conformity of life with the divine law.*

The fifty-first Psalm has always been considered by Bible-readers as the Psalm of repentance when David had committed adultery and then ordered murder to try to cover his tracks. Yet, in this Psalm, time and again, there is set forth the whole idea of right-ness from God on the basis of His Grace (unmerited forgiveness) and apart from any character in the person who is being declared right. Here is David ("a man after God's own heart"), a man who stands before God with dirty hands and an impure heart. He stands convicted. But God brings him to gracious repentance and sets before him the whole glorious story of salvation (salvaged and brought up to God's. perfect rightness) through provision that is totally God's. David abandons any thought of right-ness in himself and comes to God's ancient cross-shaped altar to receive rightness on the basis of the ancient sacrifices; Without which there is no right-ness.

In this psalm David bunches all of his transgressions and as though placing them all on this altar exclaims "Against Thee, Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight."

This brings us forcefully to the All-seeing Eye of the fourth degree reminding us that there is no secret transgression; "Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear (Reverential trust with a hatred of sin) him, upon them that hope in his Mercy". (Pa. 33;18).

Scoffers cannot understand how David could possibly be "a man after God's own heart"; and neither could we, until we had—quietly of an evening, read the fifty-first Psalm; And re-read from the heart "Purge ME with hyssop . . ."

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BEST FOOT FORWARD

My brethren, I wish each of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR! How hollow those words seem to sound to some of us; for already we feel that it may not be all that the resolutions and dreams would demand! Man is anxious to shape his future, but he is also anxious about the threats that may lurk in the abyss of the unknown and other seemingly infinite possibilities, which are not clear to his finite mind. Truly, the best of us are but "poor blind candidates" in the process of living! Each of us, in his better self, knows that we desire a better life for ourselves and those of the world who know so little of what life is really about. Let us recognize that desire is creative. What a man truly desires becomes the mother of his actual living. So long as it is desire, and not consumation, there is anxiety in our hearts. If we were not anxious we would not be longing. Anxiety is one of the engines of our creativity. We are fearful of those things which threaten the fulfillment of our positive desires.

At this season of the year (as always, for that matter) we stand with one foot set in the soil of the past and the other poised toward the future. The movement of the feet is important! Are we content with the past accomplishments? Or are we ready to put the best foot forward? Mankind was never intended to be content with the past; nor should he be dismayed by the future. God finds difficulty with finite and imperfect creatures who like themselves and their own ways too well! These are the individuals whose premature convictions get in the way of more life that can be created. Our "Art" teaches us that there are always designs on the trestleboard for those who would take the pains to truly read and understand them. God is never through remaking human personality. He is very much in the conflicts which are the portion of his craftsmen. Our need is to be saved from our old selves so that our productive and creative powers can be released for the ever-fresh challenges that confront us as we build a life.

By CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

"The moving hand has writ" and nothing we can do will call it back or remove a line from those pages. One can be paralyzed by the past! He can dwell so much on what has been that he never sees what might yet be! We ought to thank God for the power given us to forget the past: the past injustices, the past hurts, the past errors, the past weaknesses. It is imperative that one forget what is past if he would strain for, and attain, what lies ahead. We often think that if we were in the other fellow's shoes life would be different. "If we just were on another road than that which we are compelled to travel things could be different." Never let it be forgotten that one does not have to travel the superhighways to live a great life. He does not have to gain the honors or wear the crowns. The common roads have all the essential satisfactions. Maybe the trouble with us is that we are often not content with the essential satisfactions and search for more. Yet, more is not promised! As Barrie has said in the play, "Dear Brutus"; "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars; but in ourselves, that we are underlings." It is not another road that most of us need; but a new self to work the one that lies before us.

One of the glories of our teachings in Masonry is that a man need not stay as he is. He can change. There are Divine resources available to us where we are. The Supreme Architect is able to set designs before us for a noble living. No man fully understands them. If we did, we would be equal to God! It is not required that we fully know all the answers. What is required of the best and least of us is that we be willing to read and anxious to acquire proficiency in the noble art of living. Masonry sets her affections upon a man not for what he is; but for what he can become. And how does one become? By simply and personally recognizing, and living by, the truth that "He is able to do far exceeding abundantly more than we are able to ask or think, according to His power that worketh in us." It is when we follow this Conductor and fear no danger that we can put the best foot forward and use the working tools to the erection of the "Temple not made by hands—eternal in the heavens." In this context, may each of you have a very happy and eventful new year! "Your faith being in God, arise, follow your Conductor, and fear no danger." *SO MOTE IT BE!*

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HERE, THERE AND YONDER

THE UPLIFTING INFLUENCE OF SCOTTISH MASONRY

By E. P. Blair, 33°, Vanceboro, N. C.

The mastery and the assimilation of the philosophy of Scottish Masonry, like every other desirable thing has a definite price which must be paid before the benefits may be enjoyed. We need at the outset of a new year to realize this important fact. Masonic effort is an investment and its reward is character and a more wholesome life. It is only as we study Scottish Masonry and try to comprehend its ideals that we really learn to love and appreciate what is being done in the various valleys.

Scottish Masonry does not tell any of its members how to think or what to believe. It simply places before every member the great principles of the Movement and asks that you and I, as its members, do the thinking. We are to make known our own election, our own choice, our own decisions. We are simply asked to adopt some kind of a philosophy by which to live. It is necessary to live a full and a happy life in order to make a success of ourselves; we cannot ignore our spiritual needs.

The value of Life is not just being alive; it is in the developing, the growing and the enlarging of the mind. It is in training the emotions, cultivating the appreciations, producing a personality and developing a Soul. It is in making our own existence a productive one, lifting one's self up into something of value to ourselves and to our fellow men. To accomplish these results a man must yield himself with a cooperative desire to the discipline of life, to make it our business to learn and to put into practice the lessons we have reached throughout the various degrees.

Ed Blair 33°, Vanceboro, N. C.

Thus the uplifting influence of Scottish Masonry can only come through us. We have it within our own actions the power to lift its banners high or to let them remain as they are. We are today where our thoughts and actions brought us, likewise we will be tomorrow where those thoughts and actions take us. We can become as small as our controlling desires or as great as our dominating aspirations. The real uplifting influence of our Movement rests wholly within us; there can be no other way. In the year that lies ahead, let us exert every effort to hold high the tenets of our order and to live the type of life that was demonstrated for us; in doing so we will be uplifting the influence of Scottish Masonry and raising our own level of existence.

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DOWN ONSLOW WAY

By Reynold Davenport, 32°, K.C.C.H. Jacksonville, N. C.

Bathing is an uneventful and casual occurrence in the life of the average individual, but getting a bath is oftentimes for me an arduous undertaking. Some of my most hair-raising (and hair-plastering) experiences have taken place in the bath.

My bathing difficulties began in childhood (which is about as early as they could have begun). The only running water we had in those days was that which ran off the roof during rainstorms, and baths were taken in a washtub in the kitchen. Water was heated on various stoves and the order of bathing was a matter of strict protocol. As the youngest member of the family I was for some years the last one to get into the tub, and by that time everyone had sort of lost interest in lugging water and firing the stoves. My bath water, therefore, was usually goose-pimply chilly. On one such occasion, when there were guests in the house, my brother turned over a kerosene lamp and set the house on fire. The kitchen was immediately full of various and assorted females, seeking water for fire-dousing purposes, and my modesty was put to a severe test.

The passage of time brought an improvement of the bathing facilities avail-

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able to me, but no change in bathing hazards. It developed that showers were infinitely more dangerous (for me) than were tubs.

I'll never forget my first troopship shower during WW II. Now the mere feat of getting close to a shower on that ship called for heroic endeavor. We were several days at sea and I was unpleasantly aromatic before I managed to elbow my way beneath a shower. When finally I experienced the blessed feeling of water splashing over and about me I began some real vigorous soaping and scrubbing, but I abruptly realized that I was becoming encased in an impenetrable paste. If you've never used regular soap in a salt water shower you'll just never understand what utter frustration is all about. It gloms up into the most awful goo you've ever seen. I'll guarantee you one thing . . . . I didn't have to worry about the wind blowing my hair. It was like wearing a wax wig. I've never since entered a shower without first testing the water for salt content.

My showering experiences in the Julian Alps are likewise memorable. We concocted a shower facility out of some Army fixtures, Italian plumbing, and German pumps, but we never found anyone who could get all components of this monstrosity to function simultaneously and/or satisfactorily. The building wasn't even heated, and this in an area where the thermometer displayed a marked proclivity for sub-zero temperatures. Snow was usually about Adam's apple-deep to a giraffe. The shower water was always cauldron hot and the other end of the building—where you dried off and dressed —was always freezing. The trick here was to get from the showers to your towel before you iced over.

My most harrowing experience under the Alpine showers occurred on the day the pumps failed. The weather was even colder than usual and only two or three of us had braved the elements to get to the showers. I had just lathered up real good and would have been rinsed and gone in another minute. Alas, it was not to be. When the pumps quit, the water quit. There was no tapering off to a trickle, or anything like that. One second the water was all around you—scalding, wet, abundant . . . . The next second it was gone. Utterly. In a matter of moments I turned so blue that I dissolored the lather. I grabbed a towel

REYNOLD DAVENPORT, 32°, K.C.C.H.

and started scrubbing. What I really needed was an ice scraper, or a chisel. Frozen lather—ugh!! I came near swearing off showers for life.

Right now my difficulties are attributable to the presence of a teen-age daughter in the house. Ann has the uncanny knack of taking a bath just minutes before I plan one. I could charge home unexpectedly in the middle of the day, or jump out of bed during the wee hours, and the odds are that Ann would have just bathed. Now this would create no real problem were it not for the accompanying circumstances that she inevitably uses all the hot water. Our hot water heater can keep pace with the laundrying, other family baths, and all normal hot water needs, but it just cannot cope with Ann's bath. What she does with so much hot water is a continuing family mystery.

Ann doesn't really use all of the hot water, she just uses all but two minutes' worth—which actually makes it worse. That way you get started with a hot shower which suddenly goes icy on you.

I think I'll just start heating water on the stove and buy me a washtub. Then I'll put the kitchen off-limits to everyone except fire-fighters.

"FROM UP THE NEUSE"

By JOHN D. CHARLTON, 32°

When was the last time you read the back cover of "The New Age" — do you know what is there? After you read this, and I hope you do, take a few seconds to reread "The Scottish Rite Creed" and then a few minutes to think on its meaning and the impact it should have on your actions. I would like to spend a moment with you on the first article, "The cause of human progress is our cause". Have you ever stopped to think or realized that the whole of Masonry must owe its existance to this cause. No institution, except that one erected by the "Almighy Creator", could have withstood the test of time except that one of its principles be this one. It is the objective of Scottish Masonry to provide for its members further adornment of the mind that they might progress in their own knowledge and service to mankind. There is great need for more Masonic instruction than that provided in the rituals of Masonic degrees — 1st through the 32nd! But like everything else, growth in knowledge of Masonic principles and application of them to daily living requires effort and expenditure of one's self and time.

Where does one begin — easy, the most painless way by far is to settle back in a quiet place, away from the distraction of TV of course, and start by reading articles in the "Bagpipe", "The New Age", and the "Holy Scriptures". Remember last month when I prevailed on you my Brethren to set aside a part of yourself — time for Masonry, why not make a start by reading from those recommended above? A little will make you thirst for more and can you truthfully say that you are one of those "well informed brethren" who is able to give when a young (or old) Mason is ready to receive?

Don't forget April!! If Brother Reynold says Onslow-Lejeune can get 66 candidates I think the rest of the Consistory can get the other 133!! Can you think of a better way for a Mason to grow than to have Scottish Masonry become a part of his learning process?

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

ALBERT PIKE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" of Plymouth, N. C. held their regular meeting on Thursday night Jan. 14, 1965 at the Masonic Temple Plymouth, N. C. A wonderful chicken pot pie (stewed chicken) dinner was prepared and served by Brother Tom Gardner, with pineapple layer cake, for dessert. The Brethren expressed their highest praise for this splendid service.

Our hearts are grieved tonight, because of a vacant chair at our table caused by the death of Brother Charles Hutchins Monday morning. He was a devout member of Perseverance Lodge No. 59, the Scottish Rite, and the Sudan Shrine. Thus, our beloved friend and brother, entered a place of perfection where all good Masons hope at last to arrive, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary shall find rest.

As man travels down the pathway of life, it is indeed a rarity that he has the opportunity to be acquainted and associated with one so dedicated to high principles, one who is inspired to make the utmost use of his time and talents to such an extent that he would be an inspiration to those with whom he came in contact. Charles' sincerity was a radiating force and gained for him the respect and confidence that made him an outstanding and a natural-born leader of men. Yes, "He lived a life," and he earned a Master's wages.

The following members were present: Brother George Raymond Leggett Sr., President; Brother William A. Roebuck, Vice-President; Brother Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary and Treasurer. Other members: R. H. Lucas, Tom Gardner, Dan Pittman, Putt Landing, Wendell Ange, James Spencer, Charlie Painter, Bryant Harris, Woodrow Dixon, Frank Bickerstaff, C. D. Ingoll, Bill Leary, Randy Waters, Jack Latham.

This being the night for the election of officers, motion was made by brother Frank Bickerstaff, and seconded by Brother R. H. Lucas, that the same officers be elected for the ensuing year, motion carried unanimously.

If, as Edmund Burke said, society is a compact between the living, the dead, and the yet unborn, then we are trustees of a legacy from our fathers, trustees of a trust for our brothers, and trustees of an investment for our children. Every decent citizen should be conscious of this three-fold trusteeship. Everyone who calls himself a Mason should be doubly mindful of it.

Think first of the legacy from our fathers, the Bible repeatedly tries to make men conscious of their legacy from the past. Saint Paul even goes as far as to ask for Corinthians: "What do you possess that has not been given you? That is a searching question for any of us.

We are the heirs of God through family, through nation, through church, through masonry. And we must keep ourselves humbly grateful through a constant reminding of that fact. Our blessings were bought with a price. The word "Bless" and the word "Bleed" comes from the same root. Our blessings which we take for granted, are red with the blood of sacrifice all the way back to Calvary and beyond. The right of free speech—think how costly was the price paid for it. This right of free worship—think how dearly that was bought by those who died for the sake of conscience.

Perhaps these are sufficient realms to see the truth in the great principle that we must be faithful trustees of others interests if we are to become possessors of life's true values. May we exercise this trust by encouraging others to take the Scottish Rite degrees.

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GRIFTON SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Grifton Scottish Rite Club met Wednesday night, January 13th, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year with the following results: President, Bob Taylor, 32°; Vice-President, M. C. Batten, 32°; Secretary-Treasurer, Ivey Johnson, 32°; Publicity Chairman, Dewey Wall, 32°.

A delicious barbecued chicken dinner was enjoyed by the 25 members present and the guests of the Club. A spirited meeting was held and a number of matters pertaining to the Club's welfare were discussed, the principal one being Ladies' Night which was to be held in the near future. No definite date was set and the matter of a suitable time was left to the newly elected officers of the club.

A great deal of enthusiasm was evident and the members present displayed a real interest in the welfare of the New Bern Consistory and the future of their Club. Our guest was our Secretary of the New Bern Consistory, Brother Charlie Seifert, 33°, who made a short talk after which the meeting was adjourned.

EAST CARTERET SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The regular meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was held on Dec. 20, at Franklin Lodge. The following members were present: T. J. Sparks, President; L. B. Daniels, Vice President; Harry V. Willis, Sec.-Treas.; Cicero Lewis, Monroe Taylor, Charles Davis, Mitchell R. Morris, Walter Thompson, E. W. Downua and Robert Safrit.

The meeting was called to order by the president. As there was no business, a motion was made to elect officers for the coming year.

The following officers were elected: President, Charles Davis, Vice President, Cicero F. Lewis; Sec.-Treas., Mitchell R. Morris.

The meeting was adjourned until Monday, January 4, 1965 at which time the new officers will be installed.

HARRY V. WILLIS
Sec.-Treas.

TO ALL SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS:

The above allustrates the certificate of award given to the most outstanding member of your Club for the year 1964 and each year thereafter.

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C. A. Seifert, 33°, Secretary

EAST CARTERET SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The regular monthly meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was held on Jan. 4, at Franklin Lodge. The officers for the year 1965 were present, Charles Davis, President; Cicero F. Lew-

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Charles Davis, President, suggested all members get out and recruit as many prospects as possible for the Spring Reunion.

It was then suggested all members attend a Scottish Rite meeting in New Bern to obtain information in ways of recruiting prospects.

Members present—twelve.

MITCHELL R. MORRIS
Sec.-Treas.

CHOWAN COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Chowan County Scottish Rite Club held its Christmas Party on Friday, December 11, at Sandy Point Beach.

A delicious turkey and country ham dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all. The wives of the members prepared the meal.

Clothing and toys were brought to be distributed to needy families.

A special guest present was Brother Charlie Seifert, Secretary to Scottish Rite Bodies. Brother Seifert spoke briefly to the party and was greatly enjoyed. We always look forward to his visits to our club. He was accompanied by Mr. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Jones of New Hope presented a delightful program of folk songs and Christmas carols.

"Gag" gifts were exchanged and Christmas carols sung to close the meeting.

HIRAM WEEKS, 32°
Secretary

Jan. 1, 1965

CHOWAN COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Left to right—Kermit Layton, John Mitchener, Mayor of Edenton and Brother Secretary Charlie Seifert.

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ELIZABETH CITY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The December meeting of the Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club was held at 7:00 P.M. on December 21, 1964 at the Shrine Club in Camden, N. C.

Brother C. B. Morrisette, 32°, the club president presided and brought us the sad news that our Brother, Otis Forbes, 32° had passed away that morning. Time and place of funeral services were announced for information. Brother Forbes was an active Scottish Rite Mason for many years, and will be sadly missed by his many friends and brothers in this area.

The first order of business placed before the meeting was the election of officers for 1965. Nominations were made from the floor, and the following officers were elected by unanimous vote: President, L. S. Bell, Jr., 32°; Vice President, Guy H. "Tuck" Webb, 32°; Sec.-Treas., Bernard Hogan, 32°; Asst. Sec.-Treas., Lyle S. Gudmestad, 32°.

On a motion by Brother C. B. Morrisette 32°, and by unanimous vote of the members present, a donation of $1.00 for every member on the club rolls as of Dec. 31, 1964 will be made to the Almoners Fund of New Bern Consistory #3. All present agreed that this was an appropriate way to show our appreciation for the support and cooperation we have received from New Bern, and is in keeping with the charitable traditions of our order, and of the Christmas Season.

Brother Morrisette, our out-going president, thanked the officers who served with him during 1964, and offered his cooperation and assistance to the new slate of officers for 1965.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting. Door prizes were won by Brother C. A. "Gus" Garret and Brother C. H. Davis.

BERNARD HOGAN 32°
Secretary-Treasurer

ELIZABETH CITY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 1965

Left to right—Lyle S. Gudmestad, Ass't. Sec.-Treas.; Bernard Hogan, Sec't-Treas.; L. S. Bell, Jr., President. (Vice-President elect Guy T. "Tuck" Webb was absent when picture was made)

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Bro. C. A. Seifert 33°
Secretary, New Bern Consistory #3
Box 1030
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Dear Brother Charlie:

On motion of Bro. Clarence B. Morrisette 32°, and with the unanimous consent of the members of the Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club present at the meeting held December 21, 1964, it was voted to forward a check in the amount of $68.00 to you for the Almoners Fund.

This sum represents $1.00 for every member on the Club rolls as of December 31, 1964. This donation is in appreciation of the splendid support and cooperation rendered our club by the New Bern Consistory, and is in keeping with the charitable traditions of Scottish Rite Masonry.

Best wishes for your personal health and happiness, and a banner crop of candidates at the re-union in 1965.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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Mr. C. A. Seifert, 33°
Secretary,
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Dear Mr. Seifert:

I received your letter of November 25, 1964, and I appreciate the sympathy which you extended me in my bereavement occasioned by the passing of my husband, and I think it was very kind of you to send me the Lifetime Courtesy Card from the New Bern Consistory.

I will always be eternally grateful to you for the check you mailed to the Oxford Orphanage for a perpetual memorial in the name of my husband. I have received a letter from Mr. Leon Gray acknowledging receipt of the check.

Masonry was very close to my husband's heart, and I am glad that he is being remembered in this manner.

Thanking you again for your kindness, and with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

MRS. J. L. SCOTT, SR.

Dear Mr. Seifert,

Just a few lines to thank you for your kind letter also for the Life Time Courtesy Card.

I believe that you know how much George loved the Masonic work and how happy he was to be honored with the 33°.

My husband would have been so pleased with the perpetual memorial in the Oxford Orphanage and I am very grateful.

Sincerely,

PEARL A. RIEMAN

January 3, 1964

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of J. Langston Thomas.

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TOTAL	$ 71,050.00	
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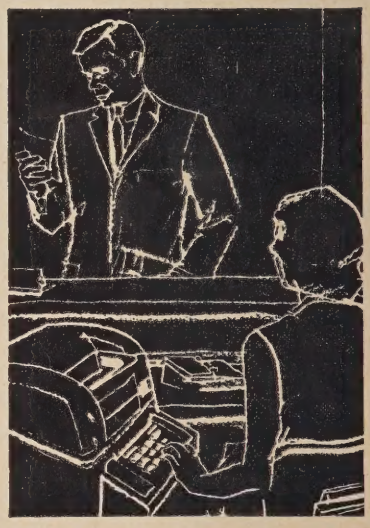

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HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE

(Continued from Cover 2)

Secretary General Webber planted another in its place. These two trees were moved to the lawns of the present House of the Temple. One of them was destroyed by a storm, and another was presented to and set out in its place by Past Grand Commander John H. Cowles.

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Tomb of Mausolus

Externally the House of the Temple is a development of the Temple erected to King Mausolus at Halicarnassus, shown on present day maps as Bodrum, which is just across from Rhodes on the Turkish mainland.

The ancient city of Halicarhassus was founded by the Dorians but soon passed to Persian control. Later an independent dynasty of Persian Kings was established, the most famous of whom was Mausolus. In 350 B.C. when he died his queen, Artemis, constructed a magnificent tomb in his honor. Hence the word Mausoleum. It was 411 feet around and 140 feet high. It was overthrown by an earthquake in the twelfth century and used as a quarry by the nearby Knights of Rhodes to build their fortress of San Pietro in 1404. Parts of the frieze from Halicarhassus are in the British Museum at London.

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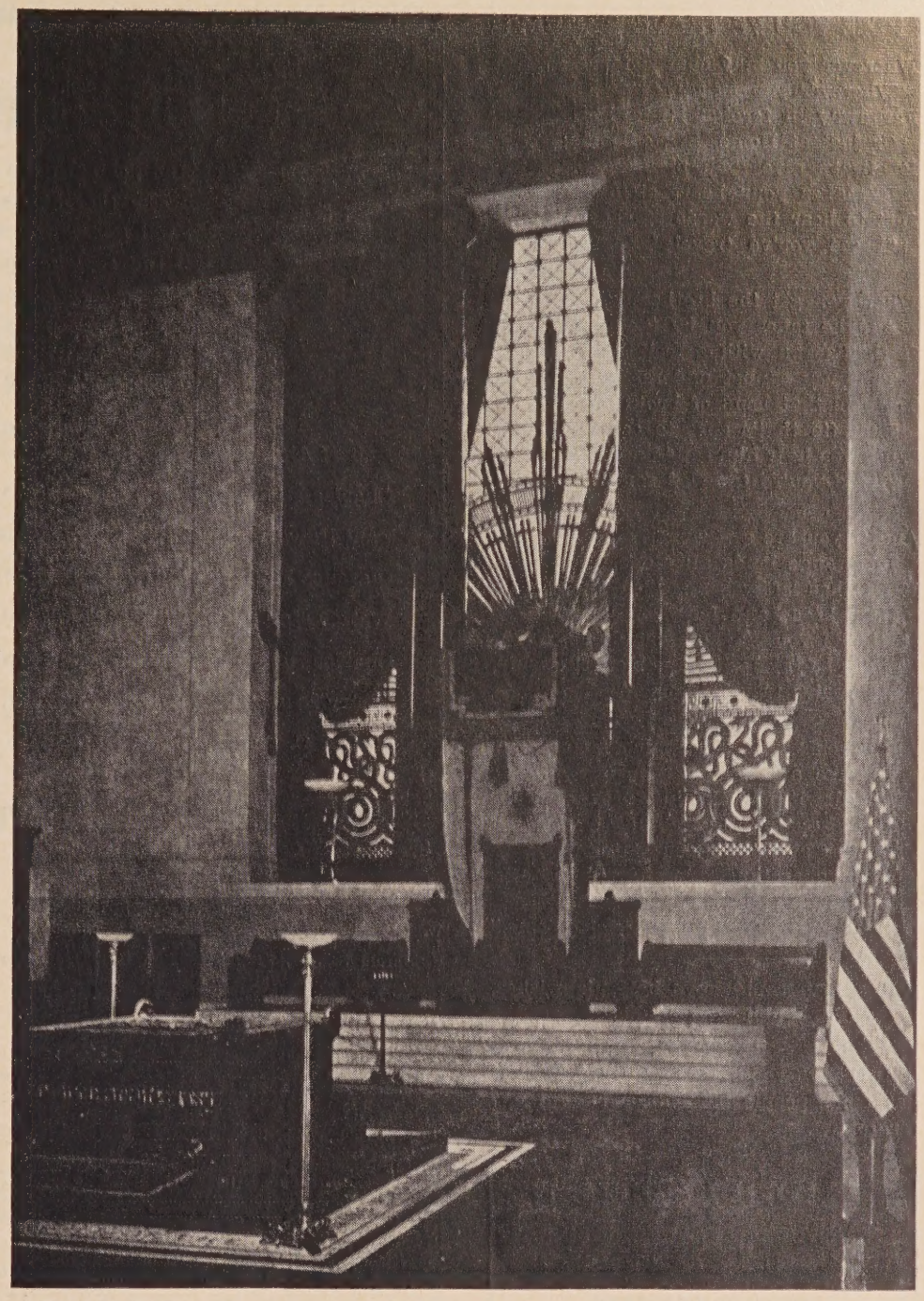
1. John Mitchell, from May 31, 1801 to January 23, 1816.
2. Frederick Dalcho, from January 23, 1816 to February 9, 1822.
3. Isaac Auld, from February 9, 1822 to October 27, 1826.
4. Moses Holbrook, from October 27, 1826 to December 1, 1844.
5. Alexander McDonald, from December 1, 1844 to August 1, 1846.
6. John Henry Honour, from August 1, 1846 to August 13, 1858.
7. Albert Pike, from January 3, 1859 to April 2, 1891.
8. James Cunningham Batchelor, from April 2, 1891 to July 28, 1893.
9. Phillip Crosby Tucker, from July 28, 1893 to July 9, 1894.
10. Thomas Hubbard Caswell, from July 9, 1894 to Nov. 13, 1900.
11. James Daniel Richardson, from October 22, 1901 to July 24, 1914.
12. George Fleming Moore, from October 7, 1914 to October 18, 1921.
13. John Henry Cowles, from October 18, 1921 to October 6, 1952.
14. Thomas Joshua Harkins, from October 6, 1952 to October 21, 1955.
16. Luther Andrew Smith, from October 21, 1955 to —



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  Or just at Home, Sweet Home;
It always gives you pleasure.
  It makes your heart strings hum
Just to hear the words of cheer—
  "I see you've traveled some."

When you get the brother's greeting,
  And he takes you by the hand,
It thrills you with a feeling
  That you cannot understand.
You feel that bond of brotherhood
  That tie that's sure to come
When you hear him say in a friendly way,
  "I see you've traveled some."

And if you are a stranger,
  In strange lands all alone,
If fate has left you stranded—
  Dead broke and far from home,
It thrills you—makes you dumb,
  When he says, with a grip of fellowship,
I see you've traveled some."

And when your final summons comes,
  To take a last long trip,
Adorned with Lambskin Apron White
  And gems of fellowship;
The tiler at the Golden Gate,
  With square and rule and plumb
Will size up your pin ,and say,
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And the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the pattern
And explain the reason why.
The dark threads were so needful
In the weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver.
For the pattern which He planned.

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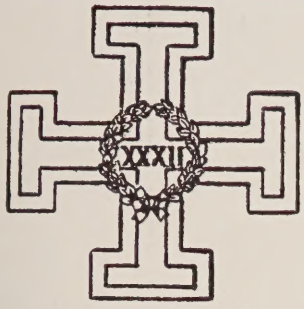

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